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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

- - - - - - - - x In re: : Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653 (KRH) <u>et</u> al., Debtors. : Jointly Administered - - - - - - - - x

DEBTORS' FIRST OMNIBUS MOTION FOR ORDER PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS 105(a) AND 365(a) AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 6006 AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF CERTAIN **EXECUTORY CONTRACTS**

The debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned jointly administered cases (collectively, the "Debtors") hereby move (the "Motion") for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 365(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 6006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), authorizing the Debtors to reject certain executory contracts, including any amendments or modifications thereto, as set forth on the attached Exhibit A (collectively, the "Contracts"), and any guaranties thereof. In support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of

The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc.(6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), Prahs, Inc.(n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courcheval, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address is 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233.

these cases and this Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a) and 365(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 6006.

BACKGROUND

- 3. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition

 Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this

 Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. The Debtors continue to manage and operate their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.
- 5. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). To date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.
- 6. Based in Richmond, Virginia, Debtors are a leading specialty retailer of consumer electronics and operate large nationwide electronics stores throughout the United States and Puerto Rico that sell, among other

things, televisions, home theatre systems, computers, camcorders, furniture, software, imaging and telecommunications products, and other audio and video electronics.

- 7. Despite significant revenues, the Debtors have suffered two consecutive years of losses. While the Debtors made every effort to improve their financial performance and implement a global turnaround strategy, they were ultimately unable to consummate a successful restructuring outside of bankruptcy. In large part, the Debtors' chapter 11 filings were due to an erosion of vendor confidence, decreased liquidity and the global economic crisis.
- 8. Thus, the Debtors commenced these cases with the immediate goals of obtaining adequate postpetition financing and continuing their restructuring initiatives commenced prior to the Petition Date, including closing certain stores. In addition, the Debtors will continue to evaluate their business, work closely with their vendors, and enhance customer relations with a goal of emerging from chapter 11 as a financially stable going concern.

RELIEF REQUESTED

- 9. By this Motion, the Debtors request the entry of an order under Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a), 363 and 365(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 6006 authorizing the Debtors to reject the Contracts.
- their review and evaluation of other executory contracts that are not the subject of this Motion. As this process continues, the Debtors may identify additional executory contracts to be assumed or rejected.

 Accordingly, the Debtors reserve the right to seek to assume or reject additional executory contracts. This Motion should not be construed as a determination that any executory contracts not listed herein are to be assumed or rejected.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

- 11. In an effort to avoid any future potential postpetition administrative costs and in the exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment, the Debtors hereby move to reject the Contracts.
- 12. The Contracts are comprised of employment contracts, contracts for hotel reservations that are no

longer needed, and advertising contracts that the

Debtors have determined are no longer beneficial. Each

of the Contracts is listed on Exhibit A, attached hereto,

along with the name of the Contract counterparty.

- 13. Through the rejection of the Contracts, the Debtors will be relieved from performing and paying fees and other associated costs. Thus, by rejecting the Contracts at this time, the Debtors will avoid incurring additional unnecessary administrative charges, if any, for services that provide minimal, if any, tangible benefit to the Debtors' estates and that the Debtors' have determined to be unnecessary. The resulting savings from the rejection of the Contracts will increase the Debtors' future cash flow and assist the Debtors in managing their estates.
- 14. In considering their options with respect to the Contracts, the Debtors have determined in their business judgment that the costs associated with assuming the Contracts would be substantial and would constitute an unnecessary drain on the Debtors' cash resources. Based on this analysis, the Debtors have

determined that the Contracts provide no value to the Debtors' estates.

15. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that rejection of the Contracts is in the best interests of their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

that a debtor, "subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). A debtor's determination to reject an executory contract is governed by the "business judgment" standard. See Lubrizol Enterprises, Inc. v. Richmond Metal Finishers, Inc., 756 F.2d 1043, 1046-47 (4th Cir. 1985), cert. denied sub nom., Lubrizol Enters., Inc. v. Canfield, 475 U.S. 1057 (1986); In re Extraction Technologies of VA, L.L.C., 296 B.R. 393, 399 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2001); see also In re HQ Global Holdings, Inc., 290 B.R. 507, 511 (Bankr. D. Del. 2003) (stating that a debtor's decision to reject an executory contract is governed by the business judgment standard

and can only be overturned if the decision was the product of bad faith, whim, or caprice).

- 17. Once the Debtors articulate a valid business justification, "[t]he business judgment rule 'is a presumption that in making a business decision the directors of a corporation acted on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the company.'"

 Official Comm. Of Subordinated Bondholders v. Integrated Res., Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (quoting Smith v. Van Gorkom, 488 A.2d 858, 872 (Del. 1985)).
- 18. The business judgment rule has vitality in chapter 11 cases and shields a debtor's management from judicial second-guessing. See Comm. Of Asbestos-Related Litigants and/or Creditors v. Johns-Manville

 Corp., 60 B.R. 612, 615 16 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986)

 ("[T]he Code favors the continued operation of a business by a debtor and a presumption of reasonableness attaches to a debtor's management decisions.").
- 19. As set forth above, the Debtors have satisfied the "business judgment" standard for rejecting the Contracts. The Contracts are financially burdensome

and unnecessary to the Debtors' estates. Moreover, the Contracts provide no economic benefit to the Debtors, nor are such Contracts a source of potential value for the Debtors' estates and creditors. Accordingly, rejection of the Contracts reflects the exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment.

- 20. In summary, the Debtors believe that the proposed rejection of the Contracts is tailored to minimize administrative expense, maximize distributions to creditors in these chapter 11 cases, and limit the performance and other costs of contract counterparties. In the exercise of their sound business judgment, the Debtors thus seek authority to reject the Contracts.
- 21. Numerous courts, including those in this

 Court, have authorized similar relief. See, e.g., In re

 Circuit City Stores, Inc., Case No. 08-35653 (Bankr. E.D.

 Va. Nov. 10, 2008); In re Movie Gallery, Inc., et al.,

 Case No. 07-33849 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Oct. 17, 2007); In re

 Storehouse, Inc., Case No. 06-11144 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov.

 21, 2006); In re Rowe Furniture, Inc., Case No. 06-11143

 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 21, 2006); In re The Rowe Cos.,

 Case No. 06-11142 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 21, 2006); In re

<u>US Airways Group, Inc.</u>, Case No. 02-83984 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Aug. 12, 2002).

NOTICE

22. Notice of this Motion has been provided to those parties entitled to notice under this Court's Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 102 and 105, Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 9007, and Local Bankruptcy Rules 2002-1 and 9013-1 Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures (Docket No. 130) and to all counterparties to the Contracts. The Debtors submit that, under the circumstances, no other or further notice need be given.

WAIVER OF MEMORANDUM OF LAW

23. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 90131(G), and because there are no novel issues of law
presented in the Motion and all applicable authority is
set forth in the Motion, the Debtors request that the
requirement that all motions be accompanied by a
separate memorandum of law be waived.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

24. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made to this Court or any other court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an Order, substantially in the form of the Proposed Order annexed hereto, granting the relief requested in the Motion and such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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EXHIBIT A

(List of Executory Contracts)

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Contract Counterparty	Contract	Contract Date
Dennis M. Biggs 6125 Amershire Way Glen Allen, VA 23059	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08
David L. Charles 1800 Blue Forest Dr. Prosper, TX 75028	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/5/08
Stephanie R. Chenault 2305 Cox Rd. Henrico, VA 23233	Termination of Employment Separation Agreement and General Release Letter	10/1/08
George D. Clark, Jr. 2008 Monument Ave Richmond, VA 23220	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	1/16/08
Kevin T. Clark 11 Clifford E Harbourt Hamilton Square, NJ 08690	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	7/1/08
Michael W. Cobbs, Jr. 4036 Shinault Cove Olive Brance, MS 38654	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/6/08
Savitri I. Cohen 53 Innsbrook Blvd Hopewell Junction, NY 12533	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	6/2/08
George T. Crowell, III 4916 Grove Ave Richmond, VA 23226	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	2/1/08
Adrian Cushenberry 1229 Wood Iris Lane Lawrenceville, GA 30045	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/6/08
David J. Czerwonka 12108 Country Hills Way Glen Allen, VA 23059	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08
James L. Davis 6012 Carrington Green Place Glen Allen, VA 23060	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/07
Robyn Davis 901 Jamerson Ln Glen Allen, VA 23060	Settlement and General Release Agreement	8/12/08
David J. Domster 7300 Lookout Dr Richmond, VA 23225	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08

Contract Counterparty	Contract	Contract Date
Gary Duncan 2905 Murano Way Glen Allen, VA 23059	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08
Philip J. Dunn 11465 Barrington Bridge Ct. Richmond, VA 23233	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	9/26/08
Michele D. Edris 12500 Hidden Oaks Ct. Richmond, VA 23233	Severance Agreement and Release, and Employment Agreement	4/14/08
Victor M. Engesser 5216 Willane Rd. Glen Allen, VA 23060	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	8/22/08
Google, Inc. 1600 Amphitheater Pkwy. Mountain View, CA 94043 Attn: Zoe Goldfarb	You Tube Service Agreement, Circuit City Stores, Inc 8/9/2008 Agreement ID: 2425352123	7/29/08
Google, Inc. 1600 Amphitheater Pkwy. Mountain View, CA 94043 Attn: Zoe Goldfarb	Service Agreement, Circuit City Stores, Inc Fanalyst Content Network Agreement ID: 3133177681	7/29/08
Andy Grosse 35133 Indian Trail Ingleside, IL 60041	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/5/08
Jeffrey R. Leopold 11504 Longview Landing Dr. Richmond, VA 23233	Severance Agreement and Release of Claims	6/26/08
Patrick S. Longood 8124 Hampton Springs Rd Chesterfield, VA 23832	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08
James Lubary 3161 Druid Ln. Los Alamitos, CA 90720	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/5/08
MGM Grand Hotel & Casino 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, NV 89109 Attn: Lauren Hall	Hotel room reservations for Jan. 7-10, 2009	3/19/08
James Alan Miller 640 W. Desert Ave Gilbert, AZ 85233	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	7/7/08
Douglas T. Moore 401 South Mooreland Rd. Richmond, VA 23229	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	2/5/07

Contract Counterparty	Contract	Contract Date
Leigh Ann Moore 2030 Chartstone Dr. Midlothian, VA 23113	Termination of Employment Separation Agreement and General Release letter, and Severance Agreement and General Release for Change in Control	8/12/08
Jason Murray 19059 Grovewood Dr. Corona, CA 92881	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	7/16/08
National Service Alliance, Inc. c/o Randy Whitehead 6762 South 1300 East Salt Lake City, UT 84121	Amended and Restated Service Agreement	4/15/07
Mark E. Oliver 523 Harolds Dr. Manakin Sabot, VA 23103	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08
Mark D. Overgard 3470 Kilburn Circle, Apt. 1012 Richmond, VA 23233	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	9/26/08
Michael Palazzolo 3406 Post Mill Place Midlothian, VA 23113	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	3/14/08
Steven P. Pappas 4413 Chatwell Rd. Midlothian, VA 23113	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	2/22/08
Taylor B. Phillips 211 Maymont Way Manakin Sabot, VA 23103	Termination of Employment Separation Agreement and General Release letter	10/10/08
Philip J. Schoonover 2146 Oyster Harbors Osterville, MA 02655	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	9/22/08
James M. Stacia 8651 Riverview Dr. Richmond, VA 23229	Termination of Employment Separation Agreement and General Release letter	9/2/08
Edward T. Stainour 148 Crooked Creek Rd. Gettysburg, PA 17325	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	7/9/08
David Steinbach 1402 Water Lily Court Midlothian, VA 23114	Separation Agreement and Release of Claims	5/22/08

Contract Counterparty	Contract	Contract Date
The Jefferson Hotel 101 W. Franklin Street Richmond, VA 23220 Attn: Cathy Schelfstad	Hotel room and conference center reservations for Dec. 15-16, 2008	9/10/08
Robert K. Vipperman 1515 Grove Ave. Richmond, VA 23220	Severance Agreement and Release of Claims, and Employment Agreement	4/7/08
Harry C. Waldo, Jr. 1304 Beacher Lane Norfolk, VA 23509	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	4/49/08
Peter Weedfald 400 Ridgewood Ave Glen Ridge, NJ 07028	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	2/29/08
James Wimmer 12928 Church Road Richmond, VA 23233	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/7/08
Doug A. Yost 42 Van Allen Rd Glen Rock, NJ 07452	Enforcement of Employment Agreement Letter and Employment Agreement	11/5/08